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5th Annual AltWheels Festival

*Largest Alternative Transportation & Energy Festival
on East Coast September 28 & 29*

Concord, NH - The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services through the Granite State Clean Cities Coalition will join AltWheels 2007, the largest alternative transportation and energy festival on the East Coast. The event will again be held on Boston City Hall Plaza on September 28 and 29.

What: One-stop shopping for transportation and energy solutions to unclog our roads, reduce our dependence on oil, cut our greenhouse-gas emissions and generally inspire people to preserve and protect our environment.

Where: Boston City Hall Plaza

When: Friday, September 28 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 29 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Cost: Free

Celebrating its fifth year, AltWheels continues to bring the latest in technology to the public where they can kick the tires of the latest in auto technology with more than 70 fuel-efficient vehicles, take a ride on electric bicycles, see bio-diesel vehicles, watch bio-diesel being made, view solar panels in action, and learn more about how they can save energy and more. The information available spans the breadth of the public's knowledge on energy issues. Whether your next step in conservation is putting in a compact fluorescent light bulb or super-insulating your home, you can learn how it can be done from exhibitors at AltWheels. People with little or no knowledge about energy conservation will have a chance to meet green pioneers and find valuable resources to take initial steps. Engineers and car enthusiasts will be able to get under the hood and see exactly how these technologies work, including an opportunity to see the "naked Prius" that has been completely disassembled so Festival attendees can see how each part functions to get more than 70 miles per gallon. There is also a chance to meet the R& D engineers from Ford's Hydrogen Group as well as from other leading companies.

This year's Energy "Freedom Trail"® offers fun information and activities, from easy, practical ways to calculate your carbon footprint, and to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions by replacing light bulbs (we will give out over 300 free compact fluorescent bulbs) or installing efficient water heaters to producing your own electricity by putting solar panels on the house. Kids and families will enjoy GreenWorld – an exhibit of native plants and produce, Sidewalk Sam's "paint a tree" project, and John Tagiuri's huge globe sculpture as well as many interactive experiences for kids and adults.

Boston Mayor Tom Menino will join AltWheels when it recognizes Green Pioneers and Regional Heroes, groups, cities and individuals who are making a difference in their communities and across the region. The Green Pioneers awards, including super-efficient buildings, large bio-diesel and compressed natural gas (CNG) users, and others will be awarded on Friday, September 28 at approximately 3:00 p.m. on City Hall Plaza. The Regional Heroes awards, given to around 20 individuals will be presented on Saturday, September 29 at approximately 2:00 p.m.

To see a partial list of Green Pioneers and Regional Heroes award winners as well as sponsors and hosts, or for more information about the 5th Annual AltWheels Alternative Transportation & Energy Festival, please go to www.AltWheels.org.

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